

Minutes of the
KPI Board of Directors Meeting
Oct 16, 2023 @ 6:15 PM
Kingsville Arena - 1741 Jasperson Dr, Kingsville

PRESENT: Helen Dean, Tim Meloche, Rob Dalley, Patrick Cleminson, Bill Speed

Helen Dean called meeting to order at 6:17pm

Minutes of Aug 21, 2023 meeting to be approved or further discussion

There was nothing that was needed to be discussed upon

Motion to pass was done by Rob

2nd by Bill

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no new business arising.

INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS

President

Helen and Tim went to a meeting with the Town of Kingsville to review and go over information regarding the KPI courts. They met on October 5th with the CAO, Legal, and Courtney. In a nutshell they are still in talks with the company and fighting it out with them. There has been no progress since the last meeting. We have reiterated to them that KPI will not be paying any money towards the courts until they are in a state where we should be contributing to the maintenance of it. The Town is saying that they were not built properly and pushing back on the contractor to figure out what they are going to do about it.

Helen asked what the town is going to do next spring if they are still at this same point that they are in now. The town seemed to agree that something will need to happen next spring even if it is stuck in the legal battle that it currently still is in. We still cannot put up wind screens as the weight on the fence will not hold them unless they are redone. The town made it really clear that just fixing the fencing will not be happening next year.

Rob had asked who set up this meeting and Tim and Helen mentioned that the Town invited Helen and Tim because of the work that Tim was doing by emailing with the town's legal department. During the meeting the response was that the administration at the time messed up as there was no oversight when the courts were being installed and managed properly. It is great that they are acknowledging that there was a misstep but if nothing happens with the contracting company by spring then the Town will need to do something on how to fix these courts.

Helen and Tim agreed to let the Town continue this legal battle with the company over the winter and then in the spring we would want some answers as to what they are doing for mediation. If there is not a positive response from the Town then we will be getting our members involved with going to council meetings.

There will be no work done on or around the courts until the claim has been updated. In February or March Helen will be following up with the Town to see what can be done. Tim will be staying in touch over the winter.

User agreement with Town

The Town would like to get something down in writing that we use the courts but don't own the courts. We don't have anything formally signed in writing and would like to get that done. In the spring we are going to formalize what we have in our emails with the town. We won't accept anything less than the hours that we currently have. Nothing will be signed without board approval but we are keeping the current schedule and monetary obligations that we currently have in place.

Start of new season

May 1st opening will continue to be the start of the season for official KPI play. KPI will claim all the courts, put up banners and give out balls starting at that time. If the weather turns nice people can play if the nets are set up by the town using their own equipment. Cards will grant access when they open and nets are set up.

Pickleball Ontario/Canada & Club Fees

PBO/C has their own \$10 fees and if you pay those fees after Oct 1st then they will be good until the end of 2024. Our Club fees run the same way. If new members sign up after Oct 1st then they will be members for the 2024 season as well. We have not tried it with returning members to see if this works the same way. On Sept 1, 2024 our club fees will be dropping and then returning back to the normal price of \$70 before Oct 1st, 2024.

The Club fee price was then generally discussed between the board members. There were discussions with other members and it was noted that KPI is the only group that is supplying Pickleballs for member use and that's why ours is higher. There was a discussion on dropping fees but then not buying balls for member usage. We have decided on keeping the fees as they are and buying balls for members. If at some point in the future where the cost to replace broken/stolen balls is getting out of hand then an update will be made that we will be dropping the fees and removing balls. We have noticed that after bringing up the missing balls at the AGM, the missing balls has drastically reduced.

At some time in the future where we have more members and can sustain the total price to redo the courts or accumulated enough funds for maintenance then the fee might drop. In the future when the courts are in the condition that we will be paying maintenance fees, planning will be done for future expenditures.

Elections for spring

There are two (2) positions open for the spring. Tim and Rob's spots will be open up to them and all other members looking to apply. In the spring an email will go out to all the members asking if they would like to run. An electronic vote will commence if there are more than two (2) members looking to apply for a board position.

Update on the benches and shelters.

Courtney said that they are going to hold off bringing the other benches into the courts until spring. She is also working on ordering shelters for the spring. At the start of the season it was agreed upon that the benches will be moved inside the courts.

We are going to be emptying the bins for winter. All ball bags, nets, league items will be removed. The battery power blower will be collected and stored separately. Rob will reach out to have that blower collected.

Vice President

-none

Treasurer

Bill would like to get more paddles for anyone that is not using them. He would like to train 8 other people to do the introduction course that he was running this summer. Bill and these individuals would run a few time slots over a weekend and anyone that wants to learn to play pickleball can join during that weekend. Bill is going for an Lv2 pickleball trainer certificate over the winter.

Treasurer's Report:

KPI has 214 members. (216. less 2 members) members to date. Financially we are in good order and have \$6878.29 in our account, a \$25,000 GIC and a \$5000 Redeemable GIC. We have one cheque outstanding for \$1,441 and a deposit of \$218.75. It is recognized that 40% of 2023 fees are marked for future court maintenance with \$10,913.91 of current funds held for future capital expenditures.

Year end report will need to be done by Dec 2023 and will be sent to the members for accountability.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was done by Tim.

2nd by Rob

Director at Large

KPI Membership is at 214 members.

Rob would like to thank the morning crew. They took it and ran with it. No complaints, minor requests. Excellent work. Social committee members were also outstanding.

Would also like to thank Tim and Helen for continuing to fight the fight over the courts and its legal dilemma.

These are areas Rob brought up that he would like to discuss because our membership has exploded. The Board of Directors can't be responsible for play of over 200 members.

1. How do we manage court time - difference between free play and league play

We only have so many courts and starting next year we are going to have evenings set up for league play. At the start of the season, mornings will remain the same how they are but evenings we will be used for league play. We will have a dedicated date and time for each level and only have 1 level per night. Bill is looking to have an advanced play night as he believes we are missing out on that group of players as they are going to Tecumseh Pickleball or Forest Glade.

Rob will plan on a schedule and will be sent to board and will be updated over the Winter. For league play we are going to have people sign up to play. There will be no 'just showing up' and playing in a league for the night. There will still be open courts if members want to get a group together and play on their own. It will be expected when signing up for a particular level you need to be at that level of play.

2. Looking to have more volunteers to our team that members sign up for.

- Court maintenance manager - Paul/Perry and the morning crew setting up balls and cleaning the courts has been a huge value for all members. We hope they continue to do this next season but if there are others that are wanting to get involved then they are welcome to.

- Welcome committee coordinator

We have 5 members signed up to run it for next year and they will be welcoming new members and letting them know how KPI is run.

- Court play coordinator

Dianne/Carrol were coordinating the Monday - Friday morning paddle up system that we are running. We are looking for them to continue arranging intermediate/beginner morning court scheduling or have other volunteers help them as well.

- Social coordinator -Deb has done a great job and hopes that she and her group continue to run that.

- Clinic coordinator - Looking to have clinics from 4-530 pm and 11am-1pm Monday through Friday depending on the number of signups. It will all be volunteer and free to sign up. Will have 1 or 2 of them a month that will run. Person would be responsible for setting up time and dates, getting other volunteers to run skills at each of the courts and running the day of the event.

- Clothing - We are looking for someone to set up and organize T-shirts for when people want them.

- Court time manager - Looking for 1 person to be a contact for other members if they would like to book something during KPI time that would not be part of the normal schedule or outside KPI times that we would need permission for. For example if someone wants to run a clinic or a tournament or use a court for a paid coach with one of our Certified Teaching Professionals.

3. Website vs Facebook notifications

We have four areas where people from KPI go and get information.

1. Our own Website where you sign up and had information on court times and League times <https://pickleballcanada.org/club/kingsville-pickleball-inc>
2. Playtime scheduler where people sign up and can add your own personal time. Then it notifies other members to form a group for your set up time. <https://playtimescheduler.com/>
3. We have a Kingsville Facebook page [Kingsville Pickleball Inc.](#) that can be used for information, skills, pickleball related information
4. We have a [Kingsville Pickleball Forum \(KPI members only\)](#) page where members can go and just like playtime scheduler, it can let others know if they are playing on a certain day or time.

We as a board agree there are too many places where members get their information from. At the AGM we agreed to keep using the Playtime Scheduler. After discussion, we will continue to use both Facebook pages, our website and playtime scheduler.

Running member only tournaments can be done and are allowed. If one is going to be run next year then people will need to volunteer or with approval of the board they can run one for the rest of the members.

Secretary

Looking into partnerships for 2024 as there have been a few companies reaching out to us. Jules brought up the company Brickhouse paddles and Pickleball Superstore reached out to us as well. We do not have any partnership/sponsor volunteers and are looking for someone to take this on as well. It would involve following up and finding out what is legally required to participate and making sure that we are not exclusive with any one company. We also have KPI members that offer individual discounts that they can offer. If anyone is interested in looking at this over the winter so that the rest of our members can benefit with any Pickleball discounts/promotions please reach out to kingsvillepickleball@gmail.com

Over the winter months the KPI email will not be checked on a regular basis and an auto reply will be sent if KPI does receive an email.

NEW BUSINESS

- none

Date of next meeting end of April 2024

Motion to adjourn by Helen at 8:08pm
2nd by Patrick